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The Marquis Project engaged in various activities concerning the issue of Child Labour and Youth Exploitations with a final objective of preparing a policy paper on the topic. The activities included a youth seminar in Brandon, Manitoba on the linkage between youth exploitation and poverty, and a youth assembly at Brandon University.

Recommendations:
- give priority to funding education and programs that promote the rights of the child;
- provide funding for non-profit organisations to work on co-operative micro-enterprise schemes;
- pressure Canadian companies operating in developing countries to not violate basic human rights;
- withdraw trade concessions for countries that continually tolerate youth exploitation.

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Policy Suggestions

Brandon, Mar. '98

March 20 through 22nd a group of high-school students participated in a youth seminar. It engaged them in interactive workshops dealing with issues such as Native cultural awareness, forced labour in Burma, and global action against poverty. The diversity of speakers brought a variety of perspectives to the issue of youth exploitation.

Some points that were addressed, both through the speakers and the provided pamphlets, touched on a variety of concerns. The International Labour Organization estimates that more than 73 million children in the 10 to 14 age group alone were economically active in 1995. This number represents 13.2 per cent of all 10 to 14 year olds around the world. In many countries there is the cultural belief that cash right now is better than education for their children's future.

We recognize that youth exploitation is an issue of poverty, development, and labour rights. Effective action will require a variety of legislative and developmental assistance measures. As a non-profit group we held our conference to educate and to assist in the development of policy alternatives.

Once we considered the problems and recommendations presented at each workshop we decided to categorize them into four groups: support for education, enforced labour laws, social clauses in trade agreements and group credit schemes.

Support for Education

One of the most important actions that governments can take against youth exploitation is to give the priority to funding education.

- The Canadian Government should increase investment in programs and education that promote the rights of children around the world.
- Canada should support effective low-cost education compulsory for all children in foreign countries. Action must be taken to get unemployed adults doing the jobs currently done by children so that children have the opportunity to be educated.

Group Credit Schemes

- Canada should provide funding for nonprofit organizations to work on cooperative micro-enterprise schemes. This would allow individuals the opportunity to get out of debt while being self-sufficient.

Enforced Labour Laws

- The Canadian government should put pressure on Canadian companies operating in developing countries. The companies should be forced to adhere to legislation that ensures their production does not violate basic rights. Canadian officials should monitor operation in these countries and have them held accountable for their actions.

Support for Social Clauses in Trade Agreements

- Canada should withdraw trade concessions for countries that continually tolerate youth exploitation.
- Canada should express its views of this issue on other countries to help develop a united stand against youth exploitation.

By holding this seminar we feel our objective was attained. Through our discussions we succeeded in developing recommendations to pass on to the Canadian government. As well, we will take our experiences and the information that we learned from this seminar and share them with others in the hopes of broadening awareness on this issue. We are motivated to continue to be a voice for children who need people to speak up for their rights.

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Catherine Angus, a translator with Pueblito Canada, interprets for youth workers Lidja Reveira (left) of Brazil and Lilian Rodriguez of Mexico, as they discuss child labor and the exploitation of children in their respective countries with 15 youths from Brandon's high schools. Th forum, set up through the Marquis Project, is to research and help form an alternative policy to deal with the mistreatment of children.

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